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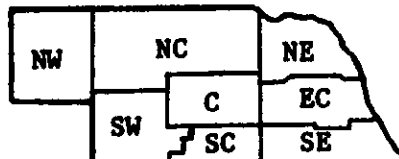
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WEATHER

The week was mild with a storm system passing over the State at the end producing scattered thunderstorms. Rainfall amounts ranged from a quarter of an inch up to one inch. Average temperatures ranged from six to nine degrees above normals.

GENERAL

Nebraska farmers spent most of their time in the fields last week planting 50% of this year's corn crop during the last seven days. Excellent progress was also made on grain sorghum and soybeans. Other producers continued with summer fallow operations and irrigation of alfalfa began in some western counties. Concern was also expressed for growing insect populations, especially alfalfa weevils and grasshoppers. An average of 6.8 days was suitable for fieldwork.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 33% short and 67% adequate. Subsoil moisture rated 24% short and 76% adequate. Last year, topsoil moisture rated 49% adequate and 51% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 2% short, 51% adequate and 47% surplus.

CROPS

Winter wheat condition rated 5% poor, 13% fair, 77% good and 5% excellent. Development of the crop has been steady and is running 7-10 days ahead of normal. Eighty percent of the wheat acreage was jointed compared to 30% last year and 55% for the 5-year average.

CROPS (Cont.)

Nebraska's corn acreage planted jumped to 65% planted, far exceeding last year's 10% and the 40% average. Planting continued to be most advanced in southeastern, south central and western counties, but was lagging in the northeastern district from recent rains.

Sorghum planting moved ahead rapidly to 20% complete, well ahead of 1% last year and 5% average. Counties in central, east central and southeastern Nebraska were leading the way.

Planting of soybeans reached 10% complete by Sunday. Last year only 1% of the acreage had been seeded and 4% is average. Progress in the southeastern district was well ahead of the remainder of the State.

Alfalfa condition rated 2% poor, 24% fair, 63% good and 11% excellent. Anthracnose and Fusarium Rot continued to plague some fields in the north central and northeast. Alfalfa weevil numbers were on the increase in several southwestern and south central counties causing some early harvesting as a control measure. Wild hay condition rated 2% poor, 35% fair, 54% good and 9% excellent.

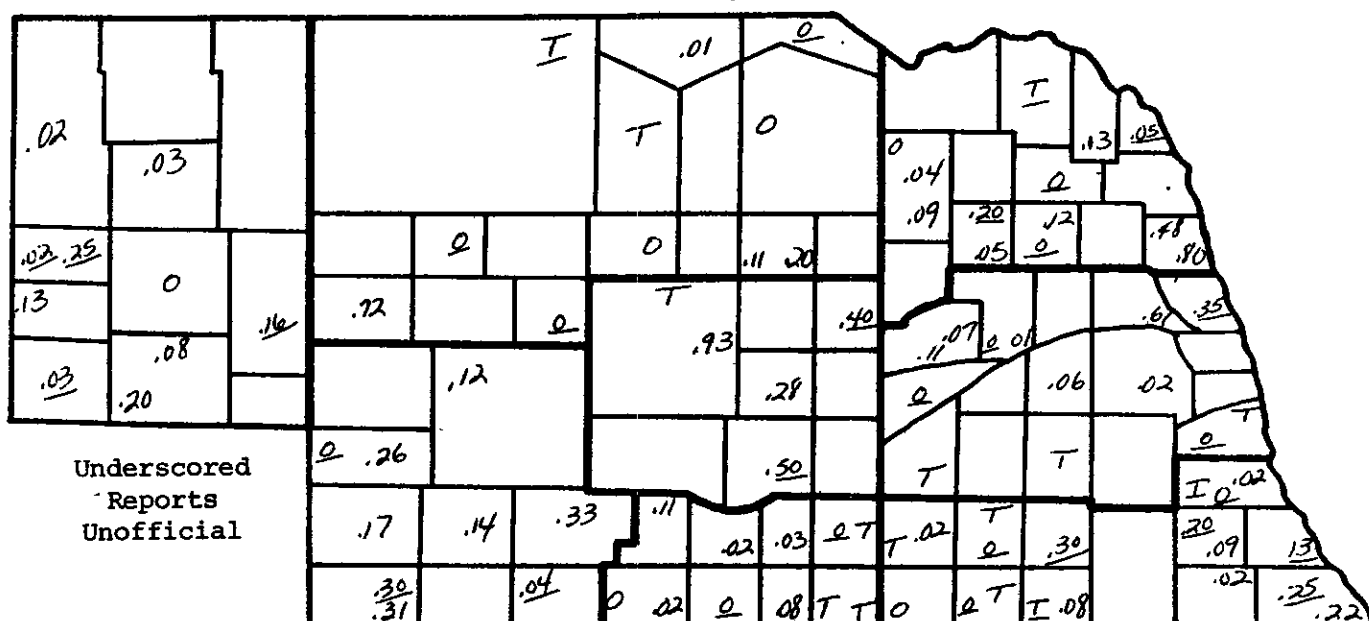
LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range condition rated 9% short, 87% adequate and 4% surplus. Summer grasses continued to improve slowly as producers turned cattle onto pasture. Northwestern range grasses could use a good rain. Livestock remained in good condition as calf branding operations got underway.

Precipitation, April 1 - May 10, 1985

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week.....	.08	.15	.21	.40	.10	.22	.03	.05
Total since April 1.....	1.61	3.32	6.26	4.21	4.77	2.55	3.99	3.43
Normal since April 1.....	2.59	2.94	3.42	3.21	3.67	2.70	3.20	3.90

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, MAY 10, 1985



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, MAY 12, 1985

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches ^{1/}
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	91	28	63	--	.62
Scottsbluff	90	36	61	+6	.42
Sidney	85	39	60	--	.21
NC Ord	--	--	--	--	--
Valentine	94	28	64	+9	.37
NE Norfolk	87	43	67	+9	.07
Sioux City	84	43	66	+7	.11
CEN Grand Island	88	46	67	+8	.03
EC Lincoln	86	48	67	+7	.22
Omaha	84	48	67	+8	.29
SW Imperial	--	--	--	--	--
North Platte	86	38	62	+6	1.19

^{1/} Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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